

This Week in Volleyball



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The Ohio High School Athletic Association

- **Mandatory rules interpretation meeting – REGULAR MEETING OPPORTUNITY CLOSED AT MIDNIGHT ON AUGUST 31, 2011**

If you have not completed the online meeting, you will need to complete this online meeting at a cost of \$50 no later than, **September 10 at Midnight**. Coaches and officials who have still not completed the meeting will need to call into the office, ask to speak with our assistant, **Renee Moore**, pay for the meeting with a credit card, and a link and password will be provided to you via email to enable you to gain access to the meeting site. Credit will be given once the meeting is completed. Failure to complete this meeting will result, for coaches, in the school's ineligibility for the post-season OHSAA tournament and for officials, suspension as an OHSAA official as well as ineligibility for post-season tournament selection.

- **Media Regulation on Flash Photography and Strobe Lights** – The following regulation is found in the OHSAA tournament regulations:
18. PHOTOGRAPHERS Flash pictures of the players shall not be taken during the progress of the sets and/or matches. **This ruling is meant to protect the vision of the players.** Photographers desiring to take pictures shall make previous arrangements with the respective tournament manager. **The number of photographers and their locations** shall be determined by the tournament management.

Decisions relative to flash photography and strobe lights used by spectators during the regular season shall be made by host management. OHSAA media regulations cover only media photographers for both regular season and tournament volleyball matches. Officials should check with the host management to ascertain the regulations that are applicable at that site.

- **Additional Reminder About Line Judges** - It has come to our attention that some schools are choosing to ignore VB Regulation 9.4 and are not providing either well-trained adults or non-playing students as line judges. Please be advised that failure to adhere to this requirement shall bring a penalty from the OHSAA. In addition, officials who are confronted with this situation shall conduct the match without line judges and then report the offending school to the office as soon as possible.
- **A Couple Friendly Reminders** – Officials, please monitor warm-ups to insure that players are not wearing jewelry and that other non-playing participants are attired in appropriate shoes (no flip flops or other type of footwear that would be dangerous) and are not using cell phones or portable music devices. These rules will be in full force for all OHSAA tournaments, and it is unfair to students and coaches if the rules are not enforced all season long. Officials should remind coaches and captains of this rule at the pre-match conference.
- **Great Start to the Season** – We are now underway with the regular season, and we want to wish you the very best as we begin the 2011 season. Officials please contact your local interpreters for any questions you might have during the season. Coaches, feel free to contact Deborah Moore at dmoore@ohsaa.org.